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**To:** Don Hill [dhill@dpgproducts.com]  
**Subject:** RE: Docket ID EPA-HQ-OGC-2022-0406

Thank you for the kind words. I was able to double-check and we did not do any sort of formal internal investigation.

Respectfully,

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**From:** Don Hill <dhill@dpgproducts.com>  
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That would be great!

Totally understand the back-to-back holiday season.

BTW:

Your responsiveness is greatly appreciated and a rarity these days with short-staffed conditions. Quite amazing actually you're finding time to respond so quickly. Pretty safe bet your inbox and workload is not getting any lighter LOL!

Have a great holiday and weekend.

Thanks!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Cope, Clayton <[cope.clayton@epa.gov](mailto:cope.clayton@epa.gov)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Docket ID EPA-HQ-OGC-2022-0406

Mr. Hill,

I need to check with some people before getting back to you. It being the holidays, many people are on leave this week. I hope it is OK if I get back to you hopefully next week.

Respectfully,

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Thanks for the update.

Was there any internal investigation on the EPA's failure to be responsive to the petition?

Or did that become moot with the retirement of the staff involved and their subsequent participation with the plaintiff in this case?

Thanks for any insights!

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Hello Mr. Hill,

The tentative decision to the petition for rulemaking is currently being reviewed. Our consent decree with CBD requires that it be signed by the Administrator by 1/20/23.

A SBERFA panel is not planned for this decision.

Respectfully,

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**Subject:** RE: Docket ID EPA-HQ-OGC-2022-0406

Good morning Clayton,

Inquiring on status of this docket item and if a SBERFA panel was convened or the small business impact deemed unrelated.

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Appreciate any information you can provide, or direction to other individuals or departments that could assist with the above inquiry.

Thanks!

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